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Analysis of incomplete high-dimensional multivariate normal data using a common-factor model

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When a data set includes a large number of variables measured on a modest number of cases, even a small rate of missingness on each variable can result in a large number of incomplete cases. In this situation, complete-case analysis can be inefficient and potentially biased. Multiple imputation is a useful framework for representing uncertainty due to missingness. When producing imputations for missing values, it is recommended to include as many variables as possible because systematic differences between values underlying **missing items** and observed values on the **same** variable may be reduced by incorporating important covariate information. However, when the sample size is not large enough, a model with a large number of variables may be overparameterized, and analysis often proceeds based on an arbitrary choice of variables to include or exclude.

For incomplete multivariate normal data, Schafer (1997a) introduced a method to address possible overparameterization using a ridge prior that smoothes the estimated covariance matrix toward a diagonal covariance matrix. In this dissertation, we propose a new method for handling incomplete high-dimensional multivariate normal data based on a common factor model that reduces the dimension of the parameters in the variance-covariance matrix while retaining important relationships.

Simulation results demonstrate that multiple imputations with sufficient number of factors produce efficient estimates with little bias. They also show that the factor model with an appropriate number of factors performs well, even when the multiple imputation with a ridge prior produces wide intervals because of poorly estimated or inestimable parameters.

We applied the algorithm to two data sets. The first application on a study of heart rate change shows that multiple imputation based on the factor model can lead shorter confidence intervals than those based on the ridge prior when the sample size is small compared to the number of variables. The second use of the algorithm on an emergency room intervention data demonstrates that the proposed method can be also applied to longitudinally measured data with many highly correlated outcomes.

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A MULTI-REGION COMPUTATIONAL GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM MODEL OF THE UNITED STATES, USED FOR SUB-NATIONAL TAX POLICY ANALYSIS

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In my thesis I construct a four-region, four-product, three-factor, two income class applied general equilibrium model of the United States, which I use to examine several issues in sub-national tax incidence. Each of the four regions is an aggregate of several states. Within each region four products are produced; one is interregionally traded, one is not traded, one is provided by the region's government, and the last is provided by the national government. Each of the four products requires capital, skilled labor, and unskilled labor for its production. These factors are supplied by two types of households, Rich and Poor, who differ in their relative factor endowments and in their ability to relocate among regions (Rich may be mobile; Poor are immobile). Each household consumes each of the four products. Federal and regional governments tax households, firms, and products.

A benchmark equilibrium is established in which product and factor markets clear and in which Rich households have no incentive to relocate among regions. I then simulate several tax policy changes. In the first group of simulations, a single region's tax rates are (separately and unilaterally) increased, with the revenue used to fund additional government spending. One conclusion drawn from these simulations is that household utilities fall in any region which unilaterally increases any of its tax instruments. Interestingly, however, the business capital tax is the least "painful" way for a regional government to unilaterally increase its tax revenue. In the second group of simulations, a regional government unilaterally eliminates its **household taxes, replacing the lost** revenue by increasing its business capital taxes. In these simulations, household utilities generally increase in the region that eliminates its household taxes, while utilities decrease in other regions. This result is especially robust for regions which are net capital importers--those regions in which producers use more capital than their regions' residents own. Sensitivity analysis reveals that my simulation results are fairly robust, even when important parameter estimates (such as elasticities of substitution in production and consumption) are varied.

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THEORETICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 91-468, OR ANY SIMILAR LAW, FOR INVESTMENT DECISIONS OF HOUSEHOLD INVESTORS WHO MIGHT PATRONIZE FEDERALLY- INSURED DEPOSIT-TYPE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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JOHN RUSKIN IN THE LANDSCAPE OF FICTION

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Descriptor Codes: 0593; 0357

Each of this dissertation's five chapters examines the ways that John Ruskin used a specific nonfictional genre to experiment with nineteenth-century realism, and traces the evolution of truth-to-nature toward truth-to-impression, or fiction, in Modern Painters II and III, The Stones of Venice, The Queen of the Air, and Praeterita. The character of realism becomes more subjective and less idealistic, until the later texts present the quintessential Ruskinian fiction: an accumulation of fragmented and absent objects observed by one who cannot divine the total view and instead dwells on a dearth or chaos of details uncontrolled by aesthetic or religious standards.

Chapter One establishes theories and techniques of realism which Ruskin picked up from contemporary novelists. Like them, he conveyed significance by turning pictorial into symbolic detail. However, he effected the reverse transformation as he aged, and sign begins to eradicate metaphor as the locus of meaning even in Modern Painters II, and frequently in III.

Chapter Two shows the fictive basis of Ruskin's philosophy and criticism in these two volumes. He revealed his literal notion of the abstract when he defined concepts by fabricating stories around them. He interpreted paintings and literature by adding details, and worked solely with images on the surface of the text.

Chapter Three discusses how details, as motifs of historicism, point to a larger meaning in Ruskin's history of Venice, while the landscape encapsulates meaning and becomes phenomenologically independent of polemics. As Chapter Four explains, Ruskin officially broke with typology in The Queen of the Air, but the rules of realism keep myth, his new symbol-system, imagistically protean and morally ambiguous. Ruskin becomes a similar fragment and ruin in Praeterita, treated in Chapter Five as the portrait of a temperament scarred by limited vision and its accompanying sense of loss. As if to further diminish the autobiographical subject, images absorb his emotion, making the text a discontinuous collection of broken and **missing** elements like **Stones**, and demonstrating Ruskin's ultimate **replacement** of a superstructure of faith with one of absence.

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Minitab

Abels, David

PC Magazine , May 11, 1993 , v12 n9 p242, 1 Page(s)

ISSN: 0888-8507

Company Name: Minitab

Product Name: Minitab

Languages: English

Document Type: Software Review

Grade (of Product Reviewed): b

Geographic Location: United States

Presents a favorable review of Minitab, Release 8 Extended (\$995, \$595 for academia), a statistical analysis program from Minitab Inc., State College, PA (800, 814). The program requires 4MB RAM, 5.9MB hard disk space, and DOS 3.3 or later. The program is very easy to learn and use, but some general purpose statistical capabilities (multivariate, test reliability, **item** , and **correlation** analyses) are **missing** from it. With enough RAM, it can support 1,000 variable and nearly 3.1 million observations. It provides a good macro language and includes a library of prewritten macros. It provides excellent quality control. Data is entered through a limited spreadsheet which lacks arithmetic functions. The program features a scrollable session stream. It provides graphics which can be printed to a file in printer-specific formats, HPGL, or PostScript. Calls it 'an excellent, reliable package.' Includes one illustration, one screen display. (djd)

Descriptors: Statistics; Software Review

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05054201
Blaupunkt offers to replace stolen radios free
UK - BLAUPUNKT OFFERS FREE CAR RADIO REPLACEMENT SERVICE
Scotsman (SN) 1 May 1992 p10

Blaupunkt, the largest independent car radio maker, has offered to replace free of charge radios which are stolen under an year-long **insurance** scheme underwritten by Cornhill **Insurance**. An estimated 1 mil cars will be stolen or broken into in 1992. Radios will be replaced on presentation of proof of purchase and the security coded key cards.

COMPANY: BLAUPUNKT; CORNHILL **INSURANCE**

PRODUCT: Car Radios (3651CR);
EVENT: NEW SERVICE EXTENSION (36);
COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); European Economic Community Countries (419); NATO Countries (420); South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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04958414
Windscreen Repair versus Replacement
UK - NOVUS OFFERS LOWER COST WINDSCREEN REPAIR SERVICE
Insurance Brokers' Monthly (IBM) 0 March 1992 p115
ISSN: 0020-4633

Novus Windscreen Repair UK would charge GBP460 to repair or replace stone-damaged windscreens in 10 fleet vehicles, vs GBP1,220 charged by other replacement companies, according to Colin Edgar, managing director. Other replacement operators replace more windscreens than they repair. The **replacement service** could repair over 50% of damaged front screens, vs hardly 1% at present, whilst still adhering to the BSI Code of Practice.*

COMPANY: NOVUS WINDSCREEN REPAIR UK

PRODUCT: Commercial Motor **Insurance** (6330CM);
EVENT: SERVICES REVIEW (30);
COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420); South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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04856182
Crash course courtesy
UK - PROFILE ON COMP-U-CLAIM
Post Magazine (PM) 23 January 1992 p23
ISSN: 0032-5252

CUC Europe's Home & Motoring Service, otherwise known as Comp-U-Claim (CUC)

has been offering car **replacement services** to **insurance** firms for over 10-years. The firm provides a quick and effective service to replace cars. The firm aims to contact the policyholder within 10 minutes of being informed of a claim from the **insurance** company, and tries to replace vehicles within five-seven working days. CUC's service is used by Legal & General, General Accident, Guardian Royal Exchange and the **Insurance Service**.

COMPANY: COMP-U-CLAIM

PRODUCT: Private Motor **Insurance** (6330PM); Commercial Motor Insurance (6330CM);

EVENT: COMPANY PROFILE (10); SERVICES REVIEW (30);

COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420); South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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Eurocard fuer Reisende

GERMANY - GZS WILL INTRODUCE EUROCARD FOR BUSINESS TRAVELLERS

Lebensmittel Zeitung (LZ) 12 October 1990 p65

Language: German

Gesellschaft fuer Zahlungssysteme (GZS) (Frankfurt, Germany) will introduce a Eurocard designed for business travellers in January 1991. Users will be offered **insurance** and mail forwarding services, and a document **replacement service**. The card may be equipped for use as a phone card.

PRODUCT: Credit Card Services (6020CC);

EVENT: PRODUCTS, PROCESSES & SERVICES (30);

COUNTRY: Germany (4GER); OECD Europe (415); European Economic Community Countries (419); NATO Countries (420);

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PRUDENTIAL ADDS GLASS **REPLACEMENT SERVICE**

UK - PRUDENTIAL ADDS GLASS **REPLACEMENT SERVICE**

Post Magazine (PM) 19 January 1989 p40

ISSN: 0032-5252

The Prudential has added a 24-hour glass **replacement service** to its business property policy. The service will be operated by Solaglass. Policyholders without glass breakage cover can use the service, but will receive a 25% discount only.

PRODUCT: Glass & Glazing Work (1793); Property & Liability **Insurance** (6330);

EVENT: PRODUCTS, PROCESSES & SERVICES (30);

COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420); South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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EAGLE STAR OFFERS SHOP WINDOW **REPLACEMENT SERVICE**
UK - EAGLE STAR OFFERS SHOP WINDOW **REPLACEMENT SERVICE**
Independent (TI) 17 September 1988 p24

Eagle Star has launched a 24-hour glass **replacement service** for shop windows through Solaglas. Eagle Star will pay for the glass replacement with the policyholder receiving an invoice from Solaglas for VAT and any excess.

PRODUCT: Property & Liability **Insurance** (6330);
EVENT: PRODUCTS, PROCESSES & SERVICES (30);
COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420);
South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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HOUSEHOLD **INSURANCE** MARKET OFFERS SCOPE FOR INTERMEDIARIES
UK - HOUSEHOLD **INSURANCE** MARKET OFFERS SCOPE FOR INTERMEDIARIES
Money Week (MYW) 16 August 1988 p9

An extended article examines the scope offered by household **insurance** to intermediaries. The recent rise in home ownership and affluence in terms of possessions has caused a boom in household **insurance**, with the market now worth over GBP2.7 bil, compared with GBP1 bil in 1983. 70% of homebuyers take out buildings **insurance** with their mortgage, but only 15% take out contents **insurance** at the same time. The article examines the new type of household contract aimed at the demanding consumer, with the offer of telephone helplines, glass **replacement service** and legal advice on domestic problems. **Insurance** intermediaries, according to the BMRB, have 8% of the buildings and 15% of the contents market. The article includes statistics on discounting and special offers in household **insurance** as well as minimum rates.

PRODUCT: Property & Liability **Insurance** (6330);
EVENT: MARKET & INDUSTRY NEWS (60);
COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420);
South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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01440214

ECONOMIC **INSURANCE** OFFERS EXTRA BENEFITS ON HOUSE POLICIES
UK - ECONOMIC **INSURANCE** OFFERS EXTRA BENEFITS ON HOUSE POLICIES
Independent (TI) 14 November 1987 p28

Economic **Insurance** is offering extra benefits on its household **insurance** policies. From 01/12/87, clients taking out an Economic Homecare policy

will also get a three-in-one telephone advisory service which provides legal advice, a home emergency helpline and roadside aid. Economic has also negotiated a 25% discount with the 24-hour glass **replacement service** Solaglas.

PRODUCT: Property & Liability **Insurance** (6330);
EVENT: PRODUCTS, PROCESSES & SERVICES (30);
COUNTRY: United Kingdom (4UK); OECD Europe (415); NATO Countries (420);
South East Asia Treaty Organisation (913);

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00186419

Directory of property restoration and replacement services .

Claims, Dec 1996, p50

DOC TYPE: Directory

JOURNAL CODE: CL

ABSTRACT: This directory, compiled by Claims' advertising department, consists of firms that provide property restoration and **replacement services** to the **insurance** -loss industry. Businesses listed advertised or paid to be included in the directory. Description of products and services are rovided by each listee. (Author/OPA)

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

DESCRIPTORS: Loss Control; Property **Insurance**

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00160840

Replacement value.

Armstrong, Liz

Canadian Insurance, Nov 1994, p10

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: CI

ABSTRACT: Two **insurance replacement services** have cross-Canada aspirations. CITICLAIMS and RE:CLAIM CANADA both have roots in Western Canada and plans to open for business in Toronto, Ontario in 1994 or 1995. Such companies promise improved service for claimants, reduced costs for **insurers** , and increased productivity for adjustment, to be achieved by utilizing direct buying power and automated information management. Canada's fledgling replacement industry consists of several successful regional and niche suppliers and some one-man bands that have gone out of business, indicating that there is a need for a reliable set of industry standards for Canada. RE:CLAIM will differentiate itself from CITICLAIMS by leasing out "Recall," its computerized compendium of product information, to Canadian **insurers** . (Author/JPS)

COUNTRY: FOREIGN

DESCRIPTORS: Adjustment Of Claims; Canada

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00149889

Insuring **accurate replacement**.

Barrett, Lyndsay

Canadian Insurance, Jul 1993, p22

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: CI

ABSTRACT: Re:Claim, a leading provider of **insurance** property-loss **replacement services** in the United States, plans to introduce Canadians to "service they deserve." (Author/JAR)

COUNTRY: FOREIGN

DESCRIPTORS: Adjusters; Property **Insurance**

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00143153

Advice on jewelry ins. is available.

Gilbert, Evelyn

National Underwriter: Property & Casualty/Risk & Benefits Management, Jun 7 1993, p25

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: NUPC

ABSTRACT: Describes the underwriting and adjustment services available from Jewelry Claim **Replacement Service**, or JCRC. According to president David W. Hendry Jr., the company works with **insurance** carriers reviewing their jewelry losses in an effort to help claims adjusters "spot abuses," such as inflated appraisals, and help them identify opportunities for subrogation and recovery. (Author/JSS)

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

DESCRIPTORS: Adjustment Of Claims; Consultants And Consulting Firms; Property **Insurance**

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00141051

State certification courses cover claims-practices laws.

Bests Review: Property/Casualty, Apr 1993, p52

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: BPC

ABSTRACT: Approved **insurance** certification courses for all states are offered by RE:CLAIM, a firm that specializes in property **replacement services**. (Author/SCP)

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

DESCRIPTORS: Education And Training; Property **Insurance**

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00132544

New jewelry insurance manual is now available to insurers.

National Underwriter: Property & Casualty/Risk & Benefits Management, Nov 2 1992, p17

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: NUPC

ABSTRACT: Jewelry Claim **Replacement Service** is offering a new publication, called "Jewelry **Insurance** --the Underwriting and Claims Reference Manual," to underwriters and adjusters. It will help companies develop a systematic method for jewelry **insurance** underwriting. (BIG)
COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
DESCRIPTORS: Jewelers Block **Insurance** ; Publications

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00124381

Jewelry co. can cut claims costs.

Dauer, Christopher

National Underwriter: Property & Casualty/Risk & Benefits Management, Jun 10 1991, p25

DOC TYPE: Journal Article

JOURNAL CODE: NUPC

ABSTRACT: Describes the Jewelry Claims **Replacement Service**, Benicia, California. The Jewelry Claims **Replacement Service** went on-line April 9, 1991 with the goal of lowering **insurers** ' claims costs. The Jewelry Claims **Replacement Service** has formed a national network to provide replacements for lost or stolen pieces. (Author/MES)

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

DESCRIPTORS: Loss Control; Property **Insurance**

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